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INTEREST FROM THE GENOME
OF A MYCOBACTERIUM USING
A BAC-BASED DNA LIBRARY,
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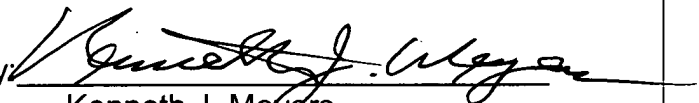
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